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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 4 ~~Four~~

~~Part~~ B for May 1921

SUBJECT.

System and working of the Railway Police Administration in India

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814) To

The I. G. of Police

No. G. 17603 of 12.3.21.

Requests him to forward to the Secretary to the Committee at Delhi the opinion of the Supdt. of Police, Railways & C. I. D. in the matter

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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File No. 129-20

FILE HEADING.

System and working of the Railway Police Administration in India

From

The H. A. Resident in Mysore.

No. 625/346-1920 Dated 12.2.1921 Received 15.2.1921

Diary No. 17479	Enclos. 1	Spare Copies. —	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards for information copy of the resolution No 114-Police d/ 13th January 1921 of the Govt of India, Home Dept, re the appointment of a committee to examine the above question

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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Routine Notes.

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2) Draft Subd as per instruction given above.

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3) Secy

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To The S. A. Resident

No PR 893 dt 17-2-1921

I acknowledge the receipt of the above & copy of the above resolution and request that two copies of the Committee's report when ready may be forwarded

Subd 17/2

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

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Routine Notes.

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From the F. A. Resident.
No. 1832/346-1920 d/19.2.1921

Forwards copy of
letter No 4-R/3 d/ 12.2.1921
from the Secretary
Railway Police Committee,
re arrangements made
for the protection of property
& travellers on Railways
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-sary action.

Draft put up for
approval or other orders

Sd/ 21/2 5) The written reply is required to be addressed to the Secretary State Centre at Delhi. The Supdt of Police may perhaps obtain the opinion of the Supdt of Police perhaps forward the same direct to Delhi.

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4	To The S.P.G. Police No G. 146003 dt 12.3.1921 Requests him to forward to the Secretary to the committee at Delhi the opinion of the Supdt of Police, Railways and C.I.D. in the matter.
5	From the Same. No. C-2250/20 d/ 15.4.1921 Forwards with reference to the above copies of replies to questions sent to the Secy; Railway Committee at Delhi. Submd. for perusal. SGR 17/4 3rd Member 3/5

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MYSORE RESIDENT'S OFFICE,

Bangalore, 12th February 1921.

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A copy of the marginally* noted letter, ~~with enclosure~~, is forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, for information.

Resolution No. 114- dated the 13th January 1921, of the Government of India in the Home Department.

Police

Please put up with papers asking for a copy of the minutes wherein Pr. Ltr

First Assistant Resident.

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R. O. 178.—R. P. B —8 1920.—1,000.

No. 114.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

POLICE.

Delhi, the 13th January 1921.

RESOLUTION.

The Governor General in Council has decided to appoint a Committee to examine the existing organization and working of the Railway Police administration in India, which appears to be defective in certain respects, and to make proposals for the improvement (where necessary) of this branch of Police administration.

2. The constitution of the Committee will be as follows :—

President.

Mr. J. P. Thompson, C.S.I., Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab.

Members.

Mr. H. deL. Ross, Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Railways, United Provinces.

Mr. F. W. Hanson, C.I.E., late General Traffic Manager of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway, and once a temporary Member of the Railway Board.

Rao Bahadur Rango Govind Naik, M.B.E., Pleader, Belgaum (Bombay).

Rai Bahadur Upendra Lal Ray (Bengal).

Mr. C. Atkins, Daulatpore Factory, Tirhoot, Bengal and North-Western Railway.

Mr. H. C. Hunt, Indian Police, Secretary.

The Committee will have power to co-opt additional members in any province if thought advisable.

The Committee, which will submit its report to the Government of India, will assemble at Delhi at an early date and then visit the various provinces of India.

3. The terms of reference to the Committee are as follows :—

(1) To consider whether the arrangements now made for the protection of travellers and property on railways in India are effective.

(2) If the arrangements in question are ineffective, to report how far the shortcomings are due to—

(*a*) defective organization,
(*b*) defects in the personnel,
(*c*) defective methods of investigation,
(*d*) defective arrangements made—
  (*i*) for the protection of passengers,
  (*ii*) for the protection of goods in transit or for the protection of property at goods and transhipment sheds and station yards.

(3) To make such recommendations as may seem calculated to mitigate or remove any defects that the Committee may discover, or as may seem otherwise germane to the objects of the inquiry.

Questions of pay will not form part of the inquiry.

ORDER.—Ordered that the Resolution be published in the Supplement to the *Gazette of India* and that a copy be forwarded to local Governments and Administrations, all Departments of the Government of India and the Director, Intelligence Bureau, for information.

Also that a copy be forwarded to the Secretary to the Committee for information.

S. P. O'DONNELL,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

SGPI, Delhi—No. 1115 HD.—17-1-21—25.

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Diary No. of letter replied to 7479

Section Police.

File No. 129-20

Serial No 21

General and Revenue Secretariat

(Police)

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No: Pol 893

Date of issue 17th Feb 1921

To

The F. A. Resident

in Mysore

Signed by Jas. B. Ramaswamayya.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of a copy of Resolution No. 114 - Police dt. 13th January 1921 of the Govt of India, Home Dept, regarding the appointment of a committee to examine the system

over.

and working of the
Railway Police Admn.
in India, forwarded with
your Memo No. 1625/346-1920
d/ 12th ~~Feby~~ 1921, and to request that
two copies of the Com-
mittee's report when ready
may be kindly furnished
for the ~~reference~~ use
of the
Durbar.

I have &c.

List of enclosures.

Copied by.

Examined by

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19 FEB 1921

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MYSORE RESIDENT'S OFFICE,

Bangalore, 19th February *1921.*

No. 1832
346/1920.

A copy of the marginally* noted letter, with enclosures, is forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, for favour of necessary action.

No. 4-R/3 dated the 12th February 1921, from the Secretary, Railway Police [redacted] Committee.

First Assistant Resident.

R. O. 178.—R. P. B.—8 1920.—1,000.

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Letter No. 4-R/3, dated the 12th February 1921, from the Secretary, Railway Police Committee, Calcutta, to the Resident in Mysore.

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I am directed to say that the Railway Police Committee would be very pleased to be favoured with the opinions of the Police Officer in charge of the Mysore Railway Police, Bangalore, ~~in connection with the arrangements made for the protection of travellers and property on Railway Police, Bangalore~~, in connection with the arrangements made for the protection of travellers and property on Railways. I am directed to forward for his information a copy of the Government of India resolution constituting this Committee and two questionnaires which will serve as a guide to the scope of the Committee's enquiry.

His written reply may be addressed to Secretary at Delhi.

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REGISTRAR, RESIDENT'S OFFICE.
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SUBJECT 1923

Diary No. of letter replied to 17887

Section Police

File No. 129—

Serial No 4

General and Revenue Secretariat
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No. 17803 Genl

To

The Agent, E.I. Railway,
Calcutta.

Date of issue 12/3

Signed by

I am forwarding herewith a copy of letter No. 4-R/3 d/ 12th Feby 1924 from the Secy, Railway Police Committee, Calcutta, re arrangements made for the protection of travellers & property on Railways & am directed to request

together with its enclosures.

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you to be so good as to obtain and forward the opinion of ~~direct~~ the Supdt of Police, Railways & B.B.D., ~~to furnish his opinion~~ in the matter.

2. A copy of the Govt of India resolution constituting the committee and two questionnaires serving as a guide to the scope of the Committee's enquiry are also forwarded.

3. ~~The replies to the set of questions may be sent to this office in due course.~~

(The Secretary
The Committee
at Delhi.

List of enclosures.

Copied by

Examined by

No. C2230 Office of the Inspector General of Police in Mysore

Dated Bangalore, 15th April 1921.

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GEN & REV. SECTT. Chief Secretary 16 APR 1921

From

A. Subrahmanya Iyer Esquire, B.A,

Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

To

B. Ramaswamiah Esquire, B,A., B.L.,

Revenue Secretary to the Government

of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.G.17603/Police 129-20-4, dated 12th March 1921, I have the honor to forward herewith for information copy of replies to questions, forwarded to the Secretary, Railway Committee at Delhi.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Inspector General of Police.

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY RAILWAY POLICE OFFICERS.

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1. Do you consider that the system of having the watch and ward establishment under the Traffic Department works satisfactory? If not, what are the defects and what remedies would you suggest? Do you consider any improvement in the class of men enlisted desirable?

(a) Yes, if better men employed.
(b) Defects are that locals are appointed who are connected with the shady characters such as cart drivers and porters. Employment of strangers preferably Military pensioners, on better pay should be encourged.

2. What is the system-

(a) of checking goods at time of loading, unloading and transhipment;

(b) of supervising the staff employed in handling goods;

(c) of fastening and sealing wagons;
(d) of seal checking and;

(e) of guarding loaded wagons in yards and on running trains.

Do you consider the system in force satisfactory?

(a) No check is done by Police, but by Railway officials.
(b) General watch to prevent crime.
(c) By Railway officers.
(d) Railway and Police officers examine seals when on patrol.
(e) Loaded wagons in yards are generally watched by constables on patrol duty. The present system is not satisfactory. Better Police supervision in yards and on running goods train is necessary.

3. Are the lighting and fencing-in of goods sheds and transhipment sheds satisfactory?

No.

4. Are pilferages or thefts from-

(a) goods sheds of goods booked or unbooked;

(b) transhipment yards;

(c) Goods trains; and

(d) passenger trains (luggage booked or unbooked) frequent on the length of Railway in your charge and do the Railway Police take any cognizance of such cases, or measures to prvent such losses? If not, do you consider that they should do so?

Not frequent.
Police take up investigation when evidence of theft is forthcoming.

5. Are pilferages from consignments of particular classes of goods:- (a) arms and ammunition, (b) fresh fruit, (c) liquor, (d) fish - numerous on the length of railway in your charge?

No.

What special arrangements are made for the protection of such consignments?

No special arrangement.

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6. Are reports of shortage or missing goods from seal-intact wagons made to the railway police for enquiry?	Yes.
What is the system in force with regard to the registration and investigation of such cases?	Generally shortages of missing goods are not taken on file, unless there is specific complaint of theft.
7. How far is such pilferage, as takes place, due to the act or connivance of the railway staff?	Mostly due to connivance of the menials and subordinat Railway officials.
8. Are cases of shortages from wagons with broken seals registered and investigated as thefts immediately on report being made?	Yes.
9. What are the arrang ments in force regarding seal checking? What is the strength of the special force (if any) told off for this duty, and is it carried out at all stations and out-posts where there are railway police or only at the boundaries of jurisdictions?	Officers on patrol duty look to the seal checking. No special staff for this duty. In all stations where there are Police men.
10. Are railway police sent out at night with goods trains for the purpose of watch and ward? If so, please furnish brief particulars of the arrangements so made. If not, what measures are taken to prevent thefts from goods trains?	No.
11. Are Head constables and constables deputed as train guards with all night trains for the protection of passengers and their property? If so, what is the system in force? How many men are employed and for how many hours are they so employed? Is the system effective?	One constable travels in all passenger trains; Head constables only occasionally. Constable generally works in such trains from 4 to 8 hours. Not effective.
12. Are such guards deputed with day trains?	Yes on passenger trains only.
13. Are cases of forged currency notes received at stations or in cash offices, registered by the railway Police? If not, how are such cases dealt with?	Registered by the Railway Police when reported.
14. Is there much unreported loss or crime? If so, why are reports not made?	An appreciable amount of loss unreported; but not much of crime. Reports are not received owing to the intrinsic value in individual cases.
15. Is railway crime mostly the work of local thieves? Where do most offences occur as regards (a) passengers and their luggage, (b) goods (e.g., in stations, at goods sheds, etc.)	Locals mostly. (a) In runni trains regarding passengers (b) In Goods sheds regardir goods.
16. Is there any want of co-operation between the railway and the district police in British India or in Native States?	No.

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17. Can you instance any cases of mal-practices on the part of the railway and police subordinates which have come under your own immediate observations, and can you suggest any measures for checking such malpractices?	Nil.
18. Under what rules and by whose orders are members of the Railway Police Force at present recruited, transferred, prompted, etc., and do you consider that the system requires alterations? Is the quality of the officers and men satisfactory?	Under the orders of the Inspector General of Police and the District Superintendent of Police. No. Yes for the pay they are given.
19. Is service in the railway police popular? Is the personnel interchangeable with that of the District police?	Yes. Yes.
2p. Are there complaints of too frequent transfers of gazetted officers?	No.
21. Have you a system of fixed travelling allowance? If not, are you in favour of such a system for officers and men?	Yes for officers and for men allowances under Mysore Service Regulations
22. Are quarters provided for officers and men?	Wherever feasible.
23. Is life in the railway police service regarded as unhealthy?	No.
24. Are punishments or rewards more frequent than in the District Police?	No.
25. Are you of opinion that the present allocation, strength and working of the police are satisfactory? In what particulars, if any, are alterations required?	Yes.
26. What railway police reserve is there, and have you any proposals to make regarding the sufficiency or allocation of the police reserves on the railway or railways with which you are connected?	No reserve. Better if a reserve of 15 per cent is maintained.
27. Is there any want of co-operation between the members of the railway staff and the railway police, and are you aware of any ill-feeling between the subordinates of the two departments?	No such glaring instances.
28. Is any more effective system of liaison possible, e.g., by deputing railway officers to the railway police and the police officers to the railway temporarily or by employing police officers permanently in the claims branch?	As the Police is not subordinate to the Railway no liaison necessary.
29. What are the principal difficulties encountered in railway police investigations? What have you to suggest for their removal? In particular have you reason to complain of (1) delay in reporting, (2) difficulties due to reference to	No particular difficulties are encountered

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other jurisdiction,(e.g., district police or railway police of another division or province) or to railway authorities?	
30. What are the rules regarding the investigation of cases occurring within railway limits and providing for the co-operation of the district police in the investigation of such cases? Are these rules satisfactory?	All cases in the Railway limits are taken up by the Railway Police. The present rules are satisfactory. Except the lands occupied by the dwelling of the staff all other limts are in the jurisdiction of the Railway Police. Rules satisfactory.
31. What is the present rule defining the limits of railway police jurisdiction and do you consider it satisfactory?	As explained above. Yes.
32. Have you any system for the special training of railway Police officers and men? Do you think such a system is likely to give useful results?	No.
33. Have you a special detective staff? If so, describe its organisation? Do you consider this system likely to improve detection?	No.
34. What are the arrangements in force for the prosecution of railway cases? Are they satisfactory?	District Prosecuting Inspectors attend to Railway cases. Unsatisfactory. Separate Prosecuting Inspectors for Railway necessary.
35. The railway police are at present organised on a provincial basis. Would any other system of organisation in youropinion be an improvement on this, e.,g., (a) imperialisation, (b) an organisation which would take the railway system as the unit and make the Superintendent of Police for most purposes the Head of the Railway Department, (c) a system under which the railway police were amalgamated with the district police.	Present system on provincil basis is saticfactory. No change necessary.
36. Are the railway police liable to be called on to provide special guards in times of unrest, strikes etc.? If so, can such arrangements be made without interfering prejudicially with the general work of the railway police?	No occasion has risen. Not possible with the present strength.
37. How are the Superintendent's charges distributed in your province?	One District Superintendent of Police for the whole State for Railways and C.I.D.
38. Have you any further suggestions to make on matters germane to the present enquiry?	Nil.

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Supt of Police Rly Hqrs